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WITH GASTRIC RESIDENCE AND
CONTROLLED RELEASE

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-4, 6-9, 11 and 12, cancel claims 5, 10 and 13, and add new claims 14-43 as follows before calculating the filing fee for the above-identified application.

Please amend claims 1-4, 6-9, 11 and 12, to read as follows.

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1. (Amended) A controlled-release pharmaceutical composition with gastric residence comprising two or three layers and further comprising:
 - (a) an active principle combined with an excipient which modifies its release,
 - (b) a carbon dioxide-generating system in a swelling hydrophilic polymer matrix,
 wherein (a) and (b) are included in the same layer [(a)+(b)] or in separate layers [(a)]

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